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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

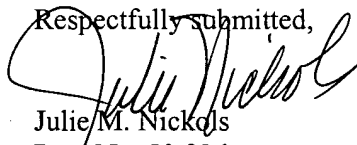
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Dear Sir:

In response to the election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed August 23, 2005, the Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, Species I, which the Examiner has identified as Figures 1-4, 6, and 7. Claims 1-44, 56-61, 66, 67, 70, 71, 74-76, 81-96, 101-103, 106-110, and 112-122 are readable on the elected species. At least the following independent claims are also generic 1, 4, 16, 21, 56, 59, 74, 81, 85, 86, 93-96, 101, 103, 106, 107, 108, 110, 112, and 114, in that they each read on the elected species and on at least one of the non-elected species.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss this further, he is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

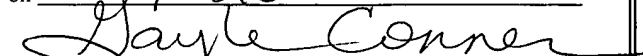

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